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## House of Representatives

The House met at 10:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SIREs).

### DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
November 13, 2007.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ALBIO SIREs to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to 30 minutes and each Member, other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip, limited to 5 minutes.

### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 32 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess until noon.

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### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PASTOR) at noon.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

God of power and mercy, blessed to be citizens of these United States of America and called by Your people to serve as their honored representatives in the 110th Congress, we pray that by Your mighty arm You protect this Nation, keep us from all harm and deliver us from all evil. Give us freedom of spirit, that we may live, work, and worship as the free children of God. May we enjoy good health of mind and body and so address the responsibilities set upon us, so our service may give You greater glory now and forever. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Utah (Mr. BISHOP) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the

vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

### ACT COMMEMORATING THE LITE, OR LIFETIME INNOVATIONS OF THOMAS EDISON

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2627) to establish the Thomas Edison National Historic Park in the State of New Jersey as the successor to the Edison National Historic Site.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 2627

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Act Commemorating the LITE, or Lifetime Innovations of Thomas Edison".

#### SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) The Edison National Historic Site, located in West Orange, New Jersey, is a vital part of America's national system of parks which preserves Thomas Alva Edison's research and development laboratories, library, papers, and artifacts, as well as his home.

(2) The Site is a national historic treasure and contains the world's largest collection of materials related to Thomas Edison, encompassing an estimated 5,000,000 pages of documents, over 400,000 artifacts, approximately 35,000 sound recordings, and 10,000 books from Edison's personal library.

(3) Thomas Edison is one of America's greatest inventors, whose inexhaustible energy and genius produced 1,093 patents in his lifetime, more than any other American, including patents for the incandescent light bulb, the motion picture camera, and the phonograph.

(4) In 1928, Thomas Edison was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for the "development and application of inventions that have revolutionized civilization in the last century."

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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